

CW is such a part of Amateur Radio's history, I cannot imagine licensing new operators without requiring demonstration of ability to operate in this mode. The fact that it is "old" technology does not, in itself, make it obsolete. Besides, I think a 5 WPM requirement "weeds out" the "bad seeds" and helps protect our hobby from going the way of "CB" radio. 5 WPM is very easy to achieve with very little practice, and if someone is really interested in the hobby, they will be happy to demonstrate ability to operate this mode.